

Application Number 09/484,974
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chauvel, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,369,855). In view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks, the rejections are respectfully traversed, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

The claims are amended to clarify some of the details of the applicants' moving picture experts group (MPEG) decoder. Herein, specifically, the claims are amended to clarify the generation of the OSD Enable signal (OSD_EN). The OSD Enable signal is generated where caption data is determined to be in the user data extracted from header information in the video stream. The OSD Enable signal is generated by the CPU 270 and applied to the OSD processor 284 where caption data is being processed. These specifics of the applicants' claimed OSD Enable signal are not taught or suggested by Chauvel, et al.

The Examiner states that an enable signal is inherent since the OSD processor is controlled by the CPU and therefore an enable signal is required. However, with the amendments to the claims, the details of the applicants' OSD Enable signal are set forth. These details of the OSD Enable signal, now set forth in the amended claims, are neither taught nor suggested by the Chauvel, et al. patent. Furthermore, they are not inherent in the Chauvel, et al. disclosure.

Since the invention set forth in the amended claims is neither taught nor suggested by Chauvel, et al., it is believed that the amended claims are allowable over Chauvel, et al. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Chauvel, et al. is respectfully requested.

Figure 2 is amended herein to show the OSD Enable signal applied from the CPU 270 to the OSD processor 284. Support for this clarification of the drawings is found in the specification at least at page 4, line 29 through page 5, line 2. No new matter is introduced into the application by this amendment to the drawings. Acceptance of the amendment to the

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drawings is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that, upon entry of this Amendment, all claims pending in the application will be in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is requested that this Amendment be entered and that the case be allowed and passed to issue. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 2

